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MWR department hit with \$833,000 in budget cuts, jobs and programs affected

Heather King Navarrete
Rota Coastline

At a time when budget cuts are being felt Navy-wide, Rota's Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) department is suffering from a \$833,000 cut in non-appropriated funds, which is already threatening jobs and programs on base and possibly retention, Navy officials fear.

"We're in a time when retention is one of the Navy's biggest issues," said AGCM(SW) Bill Adamo, command master chief, Naval European Meteorology Command (NEMOC). "Right now quality of life is good, but because of these budget cuts, quality of life will go down, and if you don't have the perks to offer these young Sailors

and their families who go overseas, you'll have a hard time getting them here."

"Not only will quality of life go down, but readiness will be affected in the European Theater and the Mediterranean," he said. "It's a ripple effect."

On Tuesday, ETCM(SS) William Cronin, command master chief, Naval Security Group Activity (NSGA) Rota, was forced to face this issue first-hand. In a period of down-sizing at his command, two Sailors are asking for an early transfer, citing MWR budget cuts as their reason. Both Sailors are relying on dual incomes

and their spouses' hours are both being cut from 40 hours to 19 hours a week. One spouse's wages were decreased by \$1.50 an hour, he said.

"They are asking for an early transfer because of the loss of income," said Cronin, "and their families just can't afford to live on that."

"Unfortunately, when you start doing this, morale suffers, and when morale suffers, we have retention issues. It's

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Delays expected at Gas Station

This week contractors are conducting a series of repairs to the NEX Gas Station which will result in delays at the pumps.

Contractors are replacing the delivery pipe and upgrading leak sensors on the number-one tank as a result of testing conducted in the fall, said Ron Dahl, NEX Auto Service Center Manager. At times, the center will only operate four pumps at a time, he said.

"Once the number-one tank is done, the same upgrades will begin on tank number-two, said Dahl. "Then in early February, upgrades will be made on the diesel tank."

The diesel pumps will be secured for about three days during the tank upgrades, he said.

"We are advising residents to keep their tanks at least half-full, and to be prepared for delays during the upgrades," said Dahl.

Listen to Hot 102.5 for up-to-date information on Gas Station delays.

Vita training held at Cadiz room

Story by JO2 Ricky Allen
Rota Coastline

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance training for command representatives was held last week, the tax assistants ready for the upcoming tax season.

The importance of the training was to insure that all volunteers were trained in detail on how to prepare income tax forms.

Volunteer tax assistants will begin preparing income tax returns Feb. 5, said Lt. Bill Rojas, tax officer, Navy Legal Office. Each volunteer has been carefully trained and should be able to do their job effectively, he said.

"The instructor is going through issues that our VITA people will be facing when preparing income tax returns. The instructor answered a lot of questions from people, both new and experienced. At the end of the course, our volunteers are given a test that certifies them as volunteer income tax assistants to make sure they learned the information," Rojas said.

Every command would have a VITA representative to help service members prepare their income tax returns. Military members can contact legal to find out who their VITA representative is for their command. VITA representatives are available to prepare income tax

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photo/Sharia Self

During the stormy weather last week the base suffered minor damages such as this downed tree near the BEQ.

Rains cause local problems, fill reservoir

PH1(AW) Ron Heppner
Rota Coastline

The recent heavy rains inundating the area are blamed for problems at the NEX Gas Station, and filling the region's water reservoir.

Last week, flooding forced the closure of the NEX Gas Station said Dave Shifrin, NEX. The water table rose above a concrete wall containing one of the two pumps that feed the center's eight gas pumps tripping a circuit breaker which rendered the pump inoperable, he said.

CE1(SCW) Gustavo Ronda, PWD trouble

desk quickly responded with a pumping truck to no avail as the water was pouring in faster than they could pump it out, forcing the station to close.

The pumping system has a water detection system that will shut off the gas pump and sound an alarm when water is detected, he said.

"I want people to know there is absolutely no way water is going to get into your gas tank from the NEX pumps," said Shifrin.

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Rear Adm. Tomaszewski here for change of command, holding calls

Rear Adm. Steven

Tomaszewski is visiting Naval Station, Rota today and is holding a series of Admiral's calls throughout the base. He is here in preparation for the change of command ceremony at the Naval Security Group Activity, Rota, to be held Friday, Jan. 19, at 10 a.m., at the Gateway Auditorium.

Capt. Bob Nicholson will relieve Capt. Reeves Taylor as commanding officer, NSGA Rota. Taylor will become the Director, Integrated Broadcast Service Support Office in Fort Meade, Md., while Nicholson arrived in Rota after serving as the Deputy Director of the Tactical Exploitation of National Capabilities (TENCAP) Office in the Pentagon.

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Thunderstorms
High: 55 Low: 45



FRIDAY
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SATURDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 60 Low: 48



SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 61 Low: 48

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CAPTAIN'S
CORNERCapt. R. Noble,
COMNAVACT, Spain

Welcome back to all of you who took the opportunity over the Christmas holidays to travel, and welcome back to our own newspaper, the venerable Coastline. I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season. I hope you got a little time off to spend with your families, I hope you relaxed and recharged your batteries a bit, and I hope Santa brought you what you asked for. Although I had intended to drive around the neighborhood and pick the best-decorated house, I was overcome by events (visiting family) and didn't get around to it. Nevertheless, I want to thank everyone who dedicated the time and effort to covering the outside of your homes in "Christmas spirit." I appreciate it, and I know that almost everyone else does too (except Scrooge... oh, I forgot, he comes around in the end doesn't he?). On the subject of Christmas, special recognition is extended to Senior Chief Garcia from Security who was invited to be the Royal Postman for the city of Rota during the Three Kings celebration; good work Senior.

Changing topics now, the big item that I want to address is the situation with the base budget and how it's impacting us. We have suffered a substantial decrease in our operating budget over last year's figures. This is a problem that all of my fellow base commanders here in the Mediterranean are experiencing.

This reduction in my operating budget is resulting in constant, careful and detailed analysis of where I can make adjustments and still accomplish my mission. These adjustments will affect all of us. The largest population will feel the pinch in our MWR services. Our MWR services touch just about every American who steps foot on the base. I am working closely with the MWR Director to prioritize services, and I'm looking hard at what options I have to best deal with this unfortunate situation, but unless I can find some budgetary relief we are going to have to deal with it. I am taking every opportunity to share with my chain of command the impact that the budget reduction is having on the morale and welfare of our community. Please bear with me as I work this problem.

Now, speaking of money and services, there is a service that the Public Works Department provides to the community that's being abused and it's costing, no squandering, some of those valuable dollars that seem to be in short supply these days. The service is the public bus transportation, and the abuse is vandalism to the seats in the form of graffiti and cuts to the seat fabric. Based on the information I have collected, I suspect that the vandals are school kids. I intend to get the word out to all of the commanders on the base that we need to get this problem in check, but my biggest appeal is to all of you parents. **Each of you must talk to your kids, one on one, and let them know that we must stop this vandalism or we might lose the bus service.** While you're at it, a gentle reminder about not littering at the bus stops would be helpful. Those who have bus stops in their front yards will greatly appreciate it!

A few, final notes and then I'll wrap it up. We are back to Threatcon Alpha and

that means we can enjoy some relief in the requirement for the Auxiliary Security Force (ASF). Thanks to all of the commands/units that provide personnel to the ASF, and thanks to all of the ASF for your contributions during periods of higher Threatcon. We may be back in Threatcon Alpha but everyone should remain aware of the terrorist threat and report anything that looks suspicious to the Security Department. Watch out for yourselves and for each other.

The change of command for NSGA is rapidly approaching, so I'd like to take this opportunity to bid "farewell and following seas" to CAPT Reeves Taylor and his wife Dena. Both of you have made valuable and lasting contributions to the entire Rota community; you will be missed. The best of luck to both of you. And a hearty welcome to the incoming CO of NSGA, CDR Bob Nicholson and his wife Janice... you're gonna love it here!

While I'm on the subject of wishing people the best of luck, the same goes for all of you who took the CPO exam this morning. I know that you have invested a lot of time and energy to get to this point in your careers. You will look marvelous in khakis.

And finally, do you remember Desert Storm (the Gulf War)? It commenced 10 years ago as of Tuesday (the 16th). Does it seem like 10 years have passed? Where has the time gone? Here's the point where I get introspective and philosophical (but I'm allowed to because I'm the "old man")... please take the time to stop and smell the flowers, be thankful for all of the good "things" in your life, and make sure that you set your priorities carefully. The clock is always ticking, and do you know what, you can't turn it back! Have a wonderful, prosperous New Year.

LETTERS

Telephone \$200

I read the article about changing your telephone account to an offbase telephonic account for those of us who live out in town. Well, my question is this. The \$200 service fee the NEX collected to set up our account through them, are they going to reimburse us the money? Because they said that it would be for the entire tour we would be here. I know it's not their fault we have to switch accounts. But, when I pay for a service, I expect the service delivered and not halfway either. I think that not being able to provide the service they were contracted for is grounds for returning the fee they collected. And if the NEX has a heartburn with returning our money, then I have a problem with giving up \$200 for a halfway service and I'm sure there are others wondering the same. Please return a reply.

Staff Sgt Felipe Vasquez

Editors note: The \$200 collected actually went to Telefonica to install a phone line. The customer is not losing that because NEX is transferring the line (his \$200 investment) for free to either his name or his landlords.

MWR cuts?

The week before Christmas news that MWR's budget had been drastically cut began circulating Naval Station Rota. Upon perusal of the December 21st edition of the Coastline I found no mention of the story which would have some sort of impact on nearly every single person aboard Naval Station, Rota. Rumor and innuendo continue to circulate, fuelled by letters given to many employees of MWR facilities telling them not to discuss budget concerns with customers and/or clients. As a dependant who enjoys many of the services MWR has to offer I would appreciate if you would be able to address this issue, in an informative and open manner, in your next edition of the Coastline.

Bronwyn Folden

625th AMC promotes five

Staff Sgt. Lisa Christie, Staff Sgt. John Obermuller, Staff Sgt. Michael Buxton, Staff Sgt. Thomas Garcia, and Staff Sgt. Paul Miller, were promoted Jan. 1 2001.

Two Rota Marines Promoted

On Jan. 1 2001, Marine Corps Security Force Company promoted Lt. Col. Ryan S. Rasmussen to Corporal and Pfc. Joshua G. Durant to Lance Corporal.

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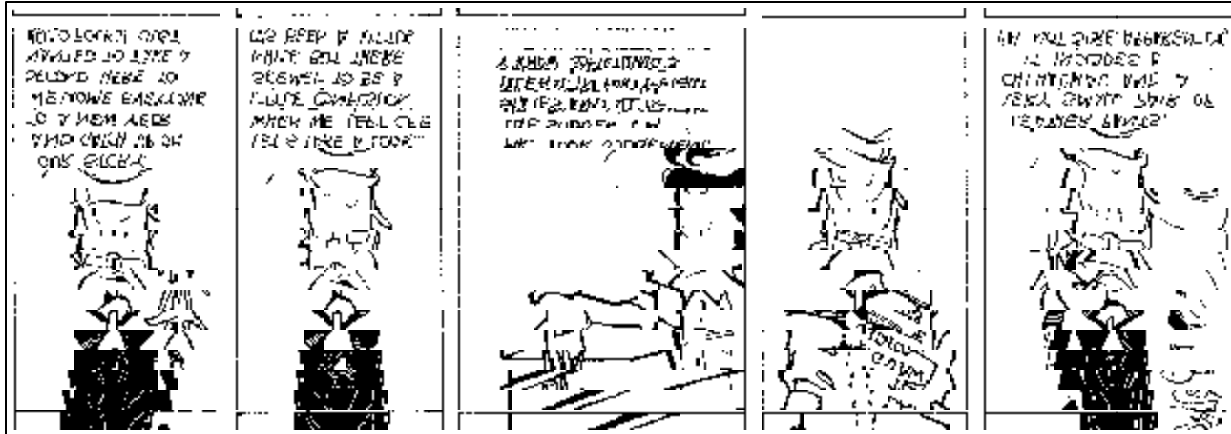
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NEWS BRIEFS

SPANISH NEWS

Spain Arrests suspected ETA members

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) - Authorities said they detained two suspected members of the armed Basque separatist group ETA as they prepared an attack in this north-eastern city.

Jose Ignancio Krutxaga and Oaine Erratzi were arrested early Thursday when two policemen approached them to ask for identity papers. Both suspected ETA members were driving a car loaded with 35 pounds of explosives, the Interior Ministry in Barcelona said. Krutxaga and Erratzi were armed with two pistols but did not offer resistance to police, Interior Minister Jaime Mayor Oreja told radio station Onda Cero.

ETA has recently stepped up its bombing and shooting campaign and is blamed for killing 23 people since ending a unilaterally called cease-fire in December, 1999. The last attack attributed to ETA was on Dec. 20 in Barcelona and claimed the life of Miguel Angel Gervilla, a local policeman.

The group, whose name is a Basque-language acronym for Basque Homeland and Freedom, is seeking an independent state of Basque areas in northern Spain and southwestern France.

DGF H.S. looking for tutors

The DGF High School "Extended Day" program is looking for tutors in math and science to narrow the gap in achievement as measured by testing. "Gap" defines a minority or female who scores ten points or more below the average white male. Research shows the most effective form of intervention is increased task-

time. Math students in the gap meet from 3:30 - 5 p.m., three days per week, for extra help with tutors. The school is attempting to offer the same service to science students in the gap. If you are interested in helping gap students achieve higher scores in science and math call Ms. Rodriguez at ext. 4181.

NCIS debuts "Safekids" website for parents

Heather King Navarrete
Rota Coastline

You can imagine Renee O'Brien's surprise when she typed in the word "lizards" on her web-browser, and a website for pedophiles popped up.

"This kind of stuff comes up so easily," said O'Brien, family advocacy representative, Fleet Family Support Center, Naval Station, Rota. O'Brien, the mother of a teenaged child and the base family advocacy representative, said this creates a new kind of parenting challenge in the computer age when trying to keep children safe.

To help with this challenge, Naval Criminal Investigative Services is launching a new website called "Safekids," geared toward educating parents on how to keep children safe while online. Parents can log on to the site to learn tips on how to monitor their child's computer use and on-line activities.

"I think it's important for parents to do this because it's important for them to know what is going on with their kids," said Matthew Campbell, special agent, NCIS, Rota. "This is something for the safety of the military family."

Special software is also provided, free of charge, for parents to download. The software scans the computer's photographic images, and displays them as thumbnails, allowing parents to judge the appropriateness of the material, said Campbell.

"This is a nice thing to do to see if you need to purchase blocking software," he said, "if you find graphic material on your computer."

Although O'Brien is an advocate of the website and the software, she warns parents



photo/Sharia Solf

DGF Students, Megan Getchell, Hana Bignell, Daniel Halverson, and Justin Wooten learn computer skills at the DGF High School Computer Lab.

that it won't completely solve their problems.

"It won't do anything if your kids engage in chat rooms. Parents need to know how to get into the computer and see where the child has been," she said. "You need to have a relationship with your kids." The website can be accessed at <http://www.ncis.navy.mil/safekids>.

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U.S. Secretary of State signs joint declaration with Spain

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright signed a treaty with Spain's Minister of Foreign Affairs Josep Pique, Jan. 11, in a joint declaration that establishes a preferential relationship between Spain and the U.S. This newly cemented relationship places Spain on equal footing with other NATO members such as Italy and Germany.

The agreement outlined a declaration in support of scientific, industrial, technologi-

cal, and cultural cooperation. It also stipulated a need for economic and financial cooperation in an international forum.

Under the agreement, both countries will be working more closely together and meeting more frequently.

During her trip to Spain, Albright also met with King Juan Carlos, and Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar. Albright was on her final tour to bid farewell to the allied countries.

RAIN *continued from cover*

The heavy weather has also formed some large-scale puddles and caused some minor damage to fences and trees on the base. For most, getting caught in a downpour is the most annoying effect of the blustery weather, but it has also frustrated youngsters during no-school days.

However, the rains haven't hampered NMCB-133 from accomplishing planned projects, said BUCM Jeff Greene, NMCB-133 operations. During initial planning stages, expected rainfall is taken into consideration and rain plans are developed, he said. The battalion has concentrated efforts on a major indoor renovation project at building 160, hauling BEQ roofing trusses to Camp Mitchell Alfa Company buildings for painting and put up a temporary shelter to allow the Seabees to work on an outdoor tiling project, he said.

"We are a day or two behind on a few

projects, but we'll get to where we need to be before we turnover to NMCB-40 next month, said Green. "Our motto is: we do the difficult at once, the impossible takes a little longer."

The rain clouds do have a silver lining though, water hours are not in the picture anytime soon, authorities have been releasing water from Los Hurones reservoir to keep it from overflowing. Los Hurones supplies water for the entire Cadiz region.

NEMOC records show: the 6.69 inches of rain the area received in December dwarfs the scant .51 inches received last December and was more than twice the mean of 3.14 inches. So far January 2001's rainfall of 2.2 inches is more than the mean of 1.63 inches and close to last January's 2.97 inches. However, the recent rainy spell doesn't come close to record rainfalls set in 1996, 10.8 inches for January and 17.1 inches in December.

MILITARY NEWS

Training courses change procedures

The Naval Education and Training Professional Development and Technology Center (NETPDTC) is improving the Navy's Nonresident Training Course (NRTC) administration process by shifting course administration responsibilities from individual commands to a central site at NETPDTC.

As warehouse stocks of paper NRTCs are depleted, students will enroll in courses, by name and SSN, at NETPDTC. Students may enroll via internet, e-mail, letter, fax, or phone. Unclassified course

material will be available on-line or printed on demand and mailed to the student's command or home. Classified course material will be mailed to the student's command. For all unclassified and classified courses, students may complete answer sheets for assignments on-line or mail completed assignments back to NETPDTC, who will grade assignments, maintain registrar data on each student, and report results to the student.

For more on this, check out NAVADMIN 333/00 at <http://www.bupers.navy.mil> or go to www.advancement.cnet.navy.mil.

Army announces new slogan and logo

To "Be all you can be" in the Army now means being "An Army of one."

Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera announced the new Army slogan that underscores the importance of individuals in a unified effort and unveiled a new Army logo — a white star superimposed over a yellow star — during a Department of Defense press briefing at the Pentagon Jan. 10.

The new slogan and logo will be featured in future Army advertising and recruiting efforts.

Officer Candidate School (OCS) offers commission

Immediate commissioning opportunities exist for highly motivated and qualified enlisted personnel in the Officer Candidate School (OCS) program.

Applicants must: (1) Be a U.S. citizen, (2) Have a BA/BS degree from an accredited college/university, (3) Meet physical readiness requirements (4) Submit EKG with doctor's interpretation, in addition to

other medical requirements, (5) Possess strong military leadership potential, and (6) Meet age requirements for the desired designator.

If you are interested in any OCS program, contact your command career counselor, or contact the Navy Recruiting Command at (901) 874-9211/9213/9224/9225/DSN 882 or via e-mail at ocsquestions@cnr.navy.mil.

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COMMUNITY NEWS and INFORMATION

MEETINGS

Rota's Weight Loss Support Group

Rota's Weight Loss Support Group, coordinated by TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) will hold its weekly meeting on Monday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. For more information, call Laurie Gigstead at 956-48-1407 or Laura Simms at ext. 4639.

Rota Hash House Harriers

The Rota Hash House Harriers will be running on Saturday, Jan. 20, at noon. We will meet at the parking lot by the Rota gate. Contact Kris Runaas at 956-48-2147 or krunaas@hotmail.com for more information.

Club/Community grants available

Officers and Civilians Spouses' club/community grant applications will be available from Jan. 16 - Feb. 16. Applications can be picked up at Fleet & Family Support Center, the Library and DGF schools. For more information, call Lisa Roberts at 956-82-4558.

Dancelessons

MWR'S Dance Alive will begin a new session of classes, Jan. 16. Anyone interested in ballet or jazz dance classes can pick up a class schedule and registration information at Expeditions. Call ext. 2527 for more information.

Low-Fat Cookbooks

The Hospital's Annual Low-fat Cookbooks have been released. They are available for pick-up at the Health Promotion Depart-

ment, free of charge. Call Betty Murphy for more information at ext. 3350.

Air Force Recruiter to visit

TSgt Russell Peal, Air Force recruiter will be visiting Rota, Jan. 24-25. If you want to find out more about an Air Force career, or just want to ask a few questions, please call ext. 2355 or stop by the 625 Air Mobility Support Squadron, Bldg. 1994 (across from the US Post Office). Call ahead for a personal appointment or Russ.Peal@ramstein.af.mil.

Rabies Vaccination Requirements

All dogs and cats are required to have a rabies vaccination every year starting at 12 weeks of age. This law overrides any three-year rabies vaccination that might have

been given and recognized in other countries. For animals leaving Spain, the rabies vaccination must be over 30 days old and under 1 year. To set up an appointment, or for more information, call the Vet Clinic at ext. 3149.

Price Protection at Your NEX

Hold on to those receipts for at least 14 days! You are protected from any price change at the Navy Exchange for fourteen days, so if something you bought within fourteen days prior goes on sale, just bring your receipt back to the store and we'll give you a refund of the difference.

On-Base Housing Reminders

For Las Palmeras Housing, residents are reminded to close the awning at night, when you're not

home, and during inclement weather. Residents are responsible for the care of the awnings.

Parking in On-Base Housing

Residents and guest parking is restricted to streets, driveways and parking lots. Parking on any grass areas or brick/concrete sidewalks is strictly prohibited. Campers, trailers, recreational vehicles, jet skis, etc, are not authorized to be parked anywhere within the Housing area, including driveways and carports.

Private Enterprises on Base

Residents on base who wish to establish a private enterprise within their home must obtain approval in advance. All private enterprises, including babysitting, must be approved

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by the Staff Judge Advocate. For information on what enterprises are authorized, and to find out more on the approval process, contact the SJA at ext. 2870.

Speed Limits in Housing

The speed limits in the Housing area on base are clearly marked. In school zones, children's playground areas, and Sea View Pines park area, the speed limit is 25 KPH (or 15 MPH). All other areas in Housing the posted speed limit is 40 KPH (25 MPH).

Housing Community Center

The Housing Community Center is available for reservations. The center contains a main room with kitchen facilities, a large conference room, children's play room and outside playground, an outside barbecue area, and an Andalusian patio. Call ext. 1344 for reservations and more information.

Abuse of Government Vehicles

Everyone is reminded to adhere to the rules on the use of official vehicles. It is not authorized to park an official vehicle at the Rota Gate and leave it there overnight, or even for an hour or two, when going home for the day or when going to Rota on personal business. It is not authorized to take official vehicles to any of the NEX, MWR, Commissary, Post Office, Navy Federal Credit Union, and other such places for personal business. Public Works will impound vehicles found being used inappropriately. Government vehicles are for official business.

EDUCATION

DGF H.S. exam schedule

The first semester exam schedule for DGF High School is as follows:

- Friday, Jan. 19: Periods 2, 4, 6, and seminar will test in science, English, and social studies.
- Monday, Jan. 22: Periods 1, 3, 5, and 7 will test in science, English, and social studies.
- Tuesday, Jan. 23: Periods 2, 4, 6, and seminar will test in math, foreign language, P.E., fine arts, and all others.
- Wednesday, Jan. 24: Periods 1, 3, 5, and 7 will test in math, foreign language, P.E., fine arts, and all others.
- Thursday, Jan. 25: Periods 1 – 7 are designated for make-up exams.

DGF H.S. Yearbook Sales

The DGF H.S. yearbook is now on sale for \$45 until February, when the price will increase to \$50. Parents of seniors may purchase a dedication page to place in the yearbook for their child. Dedications can include photos, artwork, poems, or letters from family. The cost is: \$25 for a quarter page, \$50 for a half page, and \$100 for a full page. The deadline for dedications is Wednesday, Jan. 31. Call Mr. Schadt or Ms. Kinghorn at ext. 4181 for more information.

Navy College Learning Center

Is starting or finishing college a New Year's Resolution for you? If so, then make time for the Navy College Learning Center. The NCLC offers computer-based instruction in language arts, mathematics, reading, science, and social studies, as well as preparation for the ASVAB, CLEPs, SAT, ACT and GED. Programs are individualized and scheduling is flexible. Personal assistance from education professionals is available. NCLC is free to all active-duty military personnel, retirees, reservists, DoD civilians and adult family members. For more information, call ext. 3070 or stop by the NCLC, located in Bldg. 52.

University of Maryland

The University of Maryland, University College (UMUC) offers five courses designed to help individuals prepare for the Microsoft certification examinations. The first course, CMIT 265M Networking Essentials 2SH, will be offered in Term III. The course will meet on two weekends: Feb. 17-18 and Feb. 24 – 25 from 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., and costs \$276. Registration will continue until Feb. 14. For more information, call ext. 2917.

City Colleges of Chicago

Do you need a class for your bachelor's degree in Business Administration or Accounting? Try Introductory Cost Accounting, Intermediate Accounting I, Federal Income Tax Accounting, Business Law, Advertising, Selling, Marketing, Finance, or Human Resource Management at City Colleges of Chicago-Europe. All course materials are presently in stock for immediate enrollment. For more information on City Colleges of Chicago's distance education program, contact your field representative at ext. 2574, or ccc_rotal@hotmail.com.

University of Oklahoma

The University of Oklahoma is now enrolling new and current students for the Chemical Dependency class. Class dates are from February 20-25. The enrollment deadline is January 22, 2001. Contact the Rota OU field coordinator for more information at ext. 2799 or aprote@ou.edu.

NEX A-OK Program Deadline

Attention students: Don't miss out! Students who have a "B" average or better may bring their report card to the customer service counter at the Main Exchange to obtain an A-OK ID and enter your name into the NEX "A-OK" world-wide drawing for a \$5,000, \$3,000, or \$2,000 savings bond. You will need your social security number to fill out the entry form. The entry deadline is the last week in February.

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White House Team Visit

The White House Communications Agency, a joint military organization supporting the office of the President of the United States, will be conducting a recruiting visit to Naval Station, Rota in April. The WHCA Team will review records, identify, interview, select and nominate qualified Sailors possessing specialties/rates utilized in this Presidential Support Agency to provide optimum support to the President of the United States and other elements related to the President. Any interested personnel in the grade of E-4 with 7 years or less time in service, E-5 with 15 years or less, or E-6 with 15 years or less, and have expertise in the rate of PH, PN, ET, CTI, CTM, or CTO may also attend the briefing. To submit an application or to find out more information, contact Lt. Athans at ext. 2795.

Scholarships available

High school students of active duty, reserve component, and retired military members can win scholarship awards worth at least \$1,500 each, thanks to the new Scholarships for Military Children program sponsored by the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) and the Fisher House Foundation. Students need a minimum 3.0, high school, grade-point-average to apply and must write a short essay on "What Being a Military Dependent Means to Me." Completed applications and essays must be returned to the student's local commissary before Feb. 15. Store officials will validate applications. More than 280 awards totaling over \$400,000 in college money will be presented under the program. Instructions and applications are available at commissaries or www.commissaries.com.

DGF students learn real life lessons

Dale Nichols, DGF High School staff

Outdoor Club members at DGF High School have been hiking the Sierra de Grazelema this fall to prepare for the rigorous Hinterbrand Lodge Outdoor Education program next month. Fifteen Rota teens, with two adult sponsors, will challenge the rigors of winter in the Barvarian Mountains of Germany near Berchtesgaden as part of the Department of Defense Dependents Schools attempt to teach leadership, cooperation, and performance under challenging outdoor conditions.

The Rota students will travel to Berchtesgaden, Germany, near Salzburg, Austria Feb. 3 to participate in the DoDDS Outdoor Education Program. The students will be involved in activities such as snowshoe hikes up to mountain shelters, a complicated rope climbing and repelling program, cross country skiing, and early morning runs along mountain trails.

The students will be preparing their own menus and cooking their own meals, cleaning and maintaining the lodge, and keeping up the lodge area. And, to keep up with their studies, there also is a study time built into each day's schedule.

One of the most important goals of the program is for students to learn cooperative leadership skills through participation in activities designed by the DoDDS Hinterbrand Lodge Outdoor Program staff. These activities force the group to work toward difficult final solutions by working together. All Hinterbrand staff members have Outward Bound certification and are trained ropes instructors.

"All of these activities are important," said DGF High School Outdoor Club sponsor, Jim Anderson, "for helping students to carry out basic responsibilities for themselves and toward others. Also, these students will be learning about their limits and how far they can push themselves."

"Many will learn that they can do more than they believed they were capable of," said Anderson, "adding to their self-confidence and personal growth."

Rota High students who are vying to be selected to go to the Hinterbrand Lodge are: Elizabeth Galindo, Ken Klucina, Ben McKinney, Dan Parsons, Scot Wilson, Eric



photo: Dale Nichols

DGF Outdoor Club members in the Sierra de Endrinal in the Sierra de Grazelema National Park prepare for a challenging winter outdoor program in the mountains of Bavaria.

Flagg, Anna Richter, Sonia Compagnet, John Buckles, Brian Steece, Josh Rodriguez, Cristo Heatherdale, Brian Pagnotti, and Trish Guillebeau.

The Outdoor Club was started last year when School Principal E.B. Stafford came to Rota High School from Germany. Stafford, who had previous experience with the Outdoor Education Program in Germany, supported the idea of starting the program here in Rota.

Anderson formed the club last year, and then took fifteen Rota students to participate in the winter program.

"Our Rota students became believers in the program," said Anderson. "They came back and managed to convince eight other students to apply for the summer Outdoor Program."

"I think that every student that went—winter or summer—discovered new things about themselves and their abilities. I was very impressed with the results and their satisfaction about their personal growth," he said. The students, Anderson adds, did an incredible job of meeting the challenges, whether it was leaping into icy waters at 6 in the morning, tempting vertigo on 40 foot poles, or carrying heavy backpacks through tough terrain for eight hours. They learned to work together and cope in many difficult situations, he said.

For more information, call Jim Anderson at ext. 1882.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Personal Growth Retreat

A CREDO Personal Growth Retreat will be held Mar. 9-11. During this free retreat, participants will reflect on life, dream new dreams, and chart a course toward a great tomorrow. Contact Chaplain Gore at ext. 2161 for registration and information."

Monday Bible Study

Change: Monday Evening Bible Study will move to Sunday nights beginning Jan. 21, 6-8 p.m. as part of the Sunday Night Program at the DGF High School compound.

Thursday Bible Study

Thursday Morning Bible Study at the chapel, new time 10:00 a.m. Study: Living Beyond Yourself. Exploring the Fruits of the Spirit. The study will resume Jan. 18. Childcare provided.

Wednesday Bible Study

New - Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study at the chapel, 12:30 p.m. Study: Living Beyond Yourself. Exploring the Fruits of the Spirit. NO childcare

Comedian Chonda Pierce

PWOC Laugh In Ladies, Come join us on Jan. 22, 7 p.m. in the Chapel Fellowship Hall to watch the Christian comedian, Chonda Pierce. Child Care will be provided. There will be a DESSERT potluck for those who would like to bring a treat to share.

Between Winners and Losers

CHAPLINE

by Chaplain Steve Beyer

The football season has come down to the final two teams who will meet in Superbowl XXXV.

Regardless of whether you like football or not, there's a lesson here for all of us.

In a competitive system only one team will eventually rise to the top. All the others will fail to do so. But that doesn't mean that they're failures. Legendary coach Bear Bryant said that "Winning isn't everything, but it beats anything that comes in second." Well you know what? Sometimes you're going to come in second, or third; sometimes you're not even going to make the playoffs. That's what happened to my team, the Packers.

So what do you do when you don't come in first? One thing you do is learn from the experience. Where did I perform well?

thing you do is put it in perspective. How did I do considering the circumstances? No one expected the Saints to make the playoffs, especially with their injuries. But they knocked-off the defending Superbowl champs. Put in perspective, they played well and exceeded expectation.

And finally, you don't quit. The difference between winners and losers isn't the score at the end of the game. The difference is between those who quit and those who keep trying. You may not win every game—you won't win every game. But as long as you keep trying, you're always a winner.

Listen to Chapline every weekday at 0715 and 1615 on Hot 102.5 FM! If you miss a Chapline, you can access them on the web by clicking on "Base Chapel" under the resource section on the Naval Station web page, www.rota.navy.mil

GOOD WORD FOR THE WEEK:

Success is best measured by how far you've come with the talents you've been given.

Holiday Worship Schedule

Jan. 20	6 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass
Jan. 21	9 a.m.	Roman Catholic Mass
	9 a.m.	Protestant Communion Service
	10:30 a.m.	CCD at DGF
	10:30 a.m.	Protestant Contemporary Service
	Noon	Roman Catholic Mass
	1:30 p.m.	Gospel Service
	6 p.m.	Protestant Evening Program at DGF

FLEET & FAMILY
SUPPORT CENTERcall ext.
3232 for
information**Parents and Tots free play playgroup**

This playgroup is for parents with children ages birth to four years. The children have fun during free play, or unstructured playtime. Parents, while also having fun with their child/children, talk and share ideas with other parents. This playgroup is held every Wednesday in room 1610, DGF School.

** (Beginning January 2001 this playgroup will meet from 10-11 a.m.)*

Structured Playgroup for Parent and Tots

Enjoy creative activities to awaken your child's awareness and develop a lifelong closeness between you and your child. The structured playgroup meets on Fridays from 11:00 a.m. -noon, in DGF room 1610. Jan. 19 Learning through sight, sound, smell & touch ages: birth to 9 mos. Jan. 26 Playing make believe by dress up ages: 2 1/2 to 4 yrs.

Pre-Natal Support Group

Jan. 18, 4-5 p.m.

If you're expecting join our group of expectant moms and discuss the concern of pregnancy, living overseas, work and military life. Get support, education, information and referrals. Meet other moms to be!

Employment Opportunities

Jan. 23, 1-3 p.m.

Are you new to the Rota Community? Would you like to know more about the various career opportunities on base? If so, get the facts from employment personnel representing DODDS, MWR, NEX, NFSC, HRO and much more.

Managing Your Life for a Change Series:

Anger Management ...Jan 23, 5:15-7:15 p.m.

Stress Management.... Jan 24, 5:15-7:15 p.m.

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FFSC

The Royal Postman always delivers

Communication & Assertiveness....

Jan 25, 5:15-7:15 p.m.

Jan. 25, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Smooth Move

Are you getting ready to make a PCS move? Are you wondering what you can prepare in advance? Our Smooth Move workshop will help you to arrange your move step-by-step. Learn how to apply for travel allowances, plan a relocation budget, as well as getting tips from Personal Property, Housing, Customs and more. *See your Command Career Counselor to register. Members are mandated to attend six months prior to their departure.

Job Fair

A Job Fair for separating/retiring military members, DoD Civilians, retirees and their family members will be held in Naples, Italy 15-16 March 2001. For more information contact Velveeta Coleman, Transition Assistance Program Manager, at x3232.

VA Representative In Rota

Ms. Jodie Balder, a Veterans Benefits Counselor, is visiting Rota 16-19 January. There is one brief scheduled for Thursday, January 17th, 1300-1530 in the Fleet & Family Support Center classroom. She will also be available for individual appointments. Come and learn about some of the benefits that you may be entitled to for serving your country.

Story by JO2 Ricky Allen
Rota Coastline

This holiday season for MACS(SW) Francisco Garcia was one to remember. He played the role of one of the most important figures in the Three Kings' Day celebration, the Royal Postman. From receiving letters to throwing candy at this year's Three Kings Day parade, Jan. 5, Garcia had the experience of a lifetime. It was a busy week for the Royal Postman, said Garcia.

"Prior to the Parade, on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of January, I was out in town in my Royal Postman costume collecting the letters from children," he said.

Garcia also amazed a few children with the power of the Royal Postman by accident. He said he was amused at how the situation began and ended.

"There was a ten year-old girl that came up to me and spoke to me about what she wanted from the Three Kings. I responded



MACS(SW) Francisco T. Garcia as Royal Postmaster, throws candy from his float in the Three Kings Day Parade in Rota.

back to her in Spanish. Well, one of her parents pulled me to the side and said that the child spoke English. So, I turned back around and began to speak to her in English. She was so amazed," Garcia said.

According to Garcia, the child went back to her parents yelling, "He speaks English, too!"

Garcia continued on to explain that when this happened, her father told him to also tell his daughter to behave in school. Garcia turned to the little girl again and explained that she should try to behave in school. According to Garcia, the little girl's face was in amazement. The Royal Postman, appointed

by the Three Kings, is the liaison between the children of the world and the Three Kings. Every year, children of all ages go to the Royal Postman to deliver their letters and wishes so that the Royal Postman can deliver them to the Three Kings.

The Three Kings, Melchor, Gaspar, and Baltasar, according to the Bible, were the Kings who traveled from the Orient bearing gifts for the newly born baby Jesus.

However, Garcia was not the only contributing military factor in this year's Three Kings celebration.

The base provided a total of 13 trucks and trailers for the parade. Contributing to the Three King's celebration is nothing new, said SKCM (SW) Jim Simpson, Leading Chief Petty Officer, Fleet Supply.

"I've been here for five years, and it has always been like this," he said. "We provide as much support for the parade as we can."

Winners of the Military Family Week Art Contest for Children

During Military Family Week, approximately 30 youth competed for prizes in the Fleet & Family Support Center (FFSC) Art Contest for Children. Participants submitted paintings, drawings, sculptures and collages for an opportunity to win Navy Federal Credit Union (NFCU) savings bonds and Navy Exchange (NEX) gift certificates. Entries were judged on creativity and how well the theme was followed.

First place winners received \$50 savings bonds and second place winners received

\$25 gift certificates.

FFSC staff would like to thank management of the NFCU and NEX for their cooperation and to all the children for their participation.

Category 1-Ages: 3-4 Thomas Hunter, age 4 1st place Briona Ealey, age 4 2nd place.
Category 2-Ages: 6-9 Timmy Aune, age 7 1st place Juliun Ealey, age 6 2nd place.
Category 3-Ages: 10 & older Kathleen Limon, 5th grade 1st place Nicole Vonhusen, 5th grade 2nd place.

First baby of 2001

Shaun Alexander Cosby, son of Shane Cosby and Lena Grey was born January 14, 2001, weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz.

Congratulations!

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JANUARY/ENERO National Eye Care Month FEBRUARY/FEBRERO American Heart Month				18 CPO Exam, 7 a.m., Galley ADM Call for VQ-2, 10 a.m., VQ-2 Hangar ADM Call for Hospital, 2 p.m., Base Theater ADM Call for NAVSTA & all other tenants, 1 p.m., Base Theater	19 DGF H.S. First Semester Exams begin, call 4181 Play Group, FFSC, 10 - 11 a.m., Ages birth to 9 mos., call 3232 NSGA Change of Command, 10 a.m., Gateway Theater	20 Low Fat Cookbooks available, call 3350 Rota Hash Harriers Run, noon, call 956-48-2147
21 Launching of Nautilus, first nuclear sub (1954) Protestant Sunday Night Program, 6 - 8 p.m., DGF, call 2161 Catholic CCD, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., DGF, call 2161	22 PWOC Laugh In, 7 p.m., Chapel, call 2161 OCSC grant applications being accepted, call 4558	23 DGF Elem. SAC, 3:50 p.m., Parent Connection Rm. Employment Opportunities, FFSC, 1 - 3 p.m., call 3232 Anger Management, FFSC, 5:15 - 7:15 p.m., call 3232	24 Career Workshop, FFSC, 6 - 9 p.m., call 3232 Stress Management, FFSC, 5:15 - 7:15 p.m., call 3232 Air Force Recruiter visits Rota (Jan. 24-25), call 2355	25 DGF End of Second Quarter & First Semester Smooth Move, FFSC, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m., call 3232 PWOC Thurs. Bible Study, Chapel, 10 a.m., call 2161	26 DGF Teacher Work Day (No School for Students, Elem. & H.S.) Play Group, FFSC, 10 - 11 a.m., Ages 2 1/2 to 4 years., call 3232	27 DGF SAT Test call 4181
28 Space Shuttle Challenger explodes, killing all 7 astronauts (1986) Protestant Sunday Night Program, 6 - 8 p.m., DGF, call 2161 Catholic CCD, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., DGF, call 2161	29 DGF begins Third Quarter & Second Semester	30 Tet Offensive begins in Vietnam (1968) Applying for Federal Employment, FFSC, 1 - 3 p.m., call 3232 Launching of first turreted warship, USS Monitor (1862)	31 Career Workshop, FFSC, 6 - 9 p.m., call 3232 PWOC Wed. Bible Study, Chapel, 12:30 p.m., call 2161 DGF Parent-Teacher Conference Day (No School for Students, Elem. & H.S.)	1 Deadline for articles and ads for next week's Coastline PWOC Thurs. Bible Study, Chapel, 10 a.m., call 2161	2 Groundhog Day Healthy Fair 2001, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Base Gym, call 3350 Healthy Fair 5 K Run, 11 a.m., Base Gym, call 3350	3 Need base TV Cable repairs? Call 4736 or 4337 for Housing & 2347 for the Industrial Area
4 Protestant Sunday Night Program, 6 - 8 p.m., DGF, call 2161 Catholic CCD, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., DGF, call 2161	5 Make routine Hospital appointments online at http://rota-www.med.navy.mil	6 Free academic courses, Navy College Learning Center, call 3070	7 PWOC Wed. Bible Study, Chapel, 12:30 p.m., call 2161 First U.S. Navy vessel (USS Essex) crosses equator (1800)	8 Boy Scouts Day (anniversary of Boy Scouts - 1910) PWOC Thurs. Bible Study, Chapel, 10 a.m., call 2161	9 Rabies vaccination required for all dogs and cats in Rota, call 3149	10 Free & Reduced lunch tickets for DGF, call 4444
11 IG Team in Rota (until 23 Feb) Protestant Sunday Night Program, 6 - 8 p.m., DGF, call 2161 Catholic CCD, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., DGF, call 2161	12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday (Born 1809)	13 RAMIC meets, 1 p.m., Spanish Sub Oficiales Club	14 Valentine's Day PWOC Wed. Bible Study, Chapel, 12:30 p.m., call 2161	15 Joint Advisory Board (JAB) meeting, 9:15 a.m., Chapel, call 1680 PWOC Thurs. Bible Study, Chapel, 10 a.m., call 2161 Deadline for articles and ads for next week's Coastline	16 Check out the Rota Web Site at http://www.rota.navy.mil	17 Price Protection at NEX...protected for 14 days. Check with NEX for details.

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Jerez de la Frontera, a day trip

Story and photos by Heather King Navarrete

Over the Christmas holiday, my husband's aunt and uncle came to visit.

Since my husband and I both work and since we had traveled to nearly every place on their agenda, we decided to split sightseeing responsibilities.

Every night I watched my husband come home with his relatives, exhausted from a day of chauffeuring, tour-guiding, pleasing, and hosting, only to get up and do it again the next morning. When my turn finally came, I got wise and called ITT. Fortunately, a trip during that week matched up with a pre-planned, "must do" event, so I booked it.

Our trip to Jerez de la Frontera began at 8 a.m. Looking around the bus, I noticed that many of the participants were guests. As it turns out, these trips are popular guest-sitting ventures. The hosts drop their guests off at the parking lot right before work and return in time to pick them up right after work. Smart thinking. Our first destination: the Gonzalez Byass bodega, home of Tio Pepe.

The tour of the bodega lasted a few hours with a tour of the grounds via a Tio Pepe Train tram. The grounds were beautiful, and as it turns out the bodega also doubles as wedding grounds. Our bodega tour guide told us that more than 35 wedding receptions are held there each year. Our ITT tour guide, Rosella, told us that the grounds are even more spectacular in the summertime.

The actual tour of the bodega was more of a showcasing extravaganza than it was a lesson in sherry making, but it was informative, nonetheless. Our tour guide led us through room after room of black barrels, each with a special significance. Some barrels were dedicated to the Royal family, others were signed by famous people like Winston Churchill and Margaret Thatcher.

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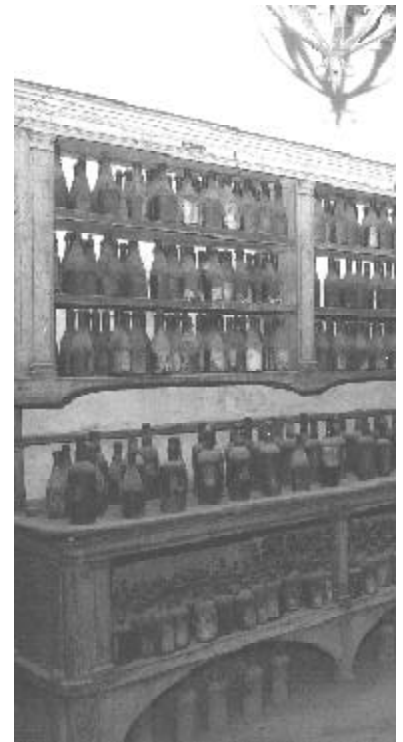
The set of barrels that intrigued me the most, however, were the Apostles barrels.

It seems as though the Spanish never miss an opportunity to honor religious figures. And, their way of honoring them is always unique, according to what their station is in life. At the bodega, Jesus Christ and his apostles were honored by a set of fancy barrels. The biggest one, representing Jesus Christ, stood center stage against a large wall. Our guide told us that the barrel held 33 bottles of the Apostle sherry, representing the age of Christ when he died. The other smaller barrels were lined against the wall, six on each side of the main barrel, every one of them clearly labeled in big brass letters with an apostle's name. It is said that from these barrels, a special sherry is made, called Apostles sherry.

After our bodega tour, we headed for the Real Escuela Andaluza del Arte Ecuestre, or the school of equestrian arts. This is Jerez's second claim to world fame (sherry being its first). Every Thursday the school puts on a show in what they call "a delightful high-stepping display of equestrian ballet." Those with an equestrian background will be impressed, no doubt. The show is carefully choreographed and it is obvious that they have been extremely well-trained. But, to the casual observer, who may not understand the intricacies of the steps displayed, the show might be entertaining, but a little redundant.

Our last scheduled stop was to the Museo Taurino, a restaurant and bull-fighting museum, located within walking distance of the equestrian school. The food was very good, and the bull-fighting paraphernalia added a certain Spanish charm to the place. I would liken it to a Hard Rock Café, only the food is better, the place is quiet and the theme is toreros, rather than rock stars.

As we were riding home on the bus, I couldn't help but think of how well the whole thing was planned out for the hosts who sent their house guests on the trip for the day. The guests were returning home well-fed, satisfied, and tired.



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Clockwise from top left to right: The bodega tour guide explains the differences between the finos. The Equestrian Center, photography is prohibited inside. The Taurino Museo y Restaurante. Barrels of sherry dedicated to the Royal family. The bodega is covered with grapevines in the summer. One of the original rooms of the bodega, left as it was 100 years ago. A vendor pours sherry at a local sherry shop.

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Today

➤ **Nautilus Orientation**—Every Tuesday and Thursday learn what you need to know to operate the nautilus equipment properly and safely. Call ext. 2563 or 2565 for more info.

➤ **Early Bird Special**—Parents save \$5. Register your child for Basketball by January 20 and pay only \$10 for the season. Sign up at JAMS or call ext. 2382 for more information.

➤ **Photography Exhibition**. "Retratos del Exodo" by Jorge Zapata. The photographs are about the Kosovo's war. Through Jan. 28. Callejon de los Bolos, Jerez.

➤ **Photography Exhibition** by Kiko Sanchez. Café Pub Blanco y Negro, c/Ricardo Alcon, 10, El Puerto. Through Feb. 2. Open from 5 p.m. to early in the morning.

➤ **Exhibition**. Collections of Ramon Bayo about the Spanish civil war. Centro Cultural "Alfonso X el Sabio" C/Larga, El Puerto. Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.

Friday

➤ **Healthy Lifestyles**—Learn how to enjoy life though better food, fitness and fun. Call ext. 2563 or 2565 for more information.

➤ **Theatre**. Teatro de la Danza de Madrid presents "El Verdugo" (The Hangman), 9 p.m. Teatro Villamarta, Plaza Romero Martinez s/n, Jerez. For information and tickets, call 956-32-9507.

➤ **Music**. Jazz by the Ben Martell Quartet, at Café Central, c/Luna, 41, El Puerto, 10:30 p.m. Admission: Free.

Saturday

➤ **Teen Glo Bowling**—It's your turn to shine! Put on your glow-in-the-dark apparel and join the fun at the MWR Bowling Center. The pins are set to fly from 8 p.m. until midnight. Call ext. 2112 for more info.

➤ **Theatre**. Circuito Andaluz de Teatro presents "Aja Caperucita", 8 p.m. Salon Moderno, El Puerto. Admission: 300 ptas.

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➤ **Movie**. "The Acid House" of Paul McGuigan (UK, 1998). The film will be projected in its original version. Casino Bahia de Cadiz, 8:30 p.m.

➤ **Music**. Concert by the Manuel de Falla Orchestra. Young Andalusian composers in homage to Rafael Alberti. Gran Teatro Falla, Cadiz, 9 p.m. For more information call 956-22-0834.

➤ **Pestifiada Feast**. As a prologue to the carnival (mardi gras) Cadiz will have a cake party tonight, starting at 9 p.m. at Plaza de San Francisco.

Sunday

➤ **San Anton Feast in Jerez**. This traditional festival gathers thousands of people to witness the blessing and procession of animals in Jerez. This year, the celebration will be in downtown Jerez. The feast will start at 11 a.m. at Alameda Vieja. At noon, the Municipal band will perform at Plaza del Arenal, before the procession

and blessing of the animals at 12:15 p.m. Around 5 p.m. a club of dogs trainer will give a demonstration.

➤ **San Anton Feast in Puerto**. The blessing and processions of animal will be at Dunas de San Anton, 1 p.m..

➤ **San Anton Feast in Rota**. The blessing and processions of animal will be at the Fairgrounds, noon.

➤ **Puppets**. The group "De aqui y de alli" presents, "El pais de los cuentos" (The land of the fairy tales). Alameda del Banco (behind McDonald's), 1 p.m.

➤ **Music**. Concert by the Jerez Municipal band. Alameda del Banco (Behind McDonald's), Jerez, noon

➤ **Flamenco**. Vicente Soto "Entre dos mundos" (Between two worlds), 9 p.m. Teatro Villamarta, Plaza Romero Martinez s/n, Jerez. For information and tickets, call 956-32-9507.

➤ **Oysters and Sea Urchins Feast**. "Ostionada" (oyster) and "Erizada" (sea urchin). Thousands come to Cadiz to try the sea food, oysters and urchins. Hundreds of dozens are given away free and washed down with the local wine. "Ostionada" will be held in Plaza de S. Antonio and the "Erizada" at Barrio de la Viña, both around 11 a.m. This tasty gastronomic festival opens the doors to the most famous carnival in south Spain.

Monday

➤ **Youth Basketball**—Register your child by January 31 and pay only \$15 for the season. Sign up at JAMS or call ext. 2382 for more information.

➤ **Aqua Group Exercise**—No need

to jump off into the deep end of the pool. Try getting your feet wet first in the shallow-water aerobics class at the MWR Aquatics Center every Monday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. For more information call ext. 2563 or 2565.

➤ **Moroccan Outdoor Adventure**—Travel with ITT on this exotic vacation. Stay in Berber tents in the Sahara Desert; tour Marrakech, Casablanca and more! Deposit required before February 15. Call ext. 3101 for more information on this and other trips.

➤ **Youth Basketball**—Register your child by January 31 and pay only \$15 for the season. Sign up at JAMS or call ext. 2382 for more information.

Tuesday

➤ **Aqua Group Exercise**—So you say you're ready to get in over your head! Deep-water aerobics classes at the MWR Aquatics Center will take you there every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m. Call ext. 2563 or 2565 for more information.

➤ **Adult Yoga**—Classes are being conducted Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:50 a.m. - 1:10 p.m. and 5 - 6:30 p.m. at the MWR Dojo Room next to the Fitness Center. Saturday classes are also available from noon - 1:30 p.m. The instructor is Cynthia Barham. Call ext. 2527 for more information.

Wednesday

➤ **Land Group Exercise**—Choose a time convenient for you on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays when MWR Athletics offers step aerobics at 6:30 or 11:30 a.m. Also on

M-W-F, MWR offers cardioflex at the pool. Try getting your feet wet first in the shallow-water aerobics class at the MWR Aquatics Center every Monday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. Call ext. 2563 or 2565 for more information.

➤ **Life Enrichment Classes** In January Violin and Piano Lessons - Summit Ballroom, Bldg. 48 Highland Dance Classes - Summit Ballroom, Bldg. 48 Call ext. 2527 for more info.

➤ **Dance Alive**—Pre-dance, Ballet Levels 1-5, Jazz Dance and private lessons now available. Call ext. 2527 for more information.

Thursday

➤ **Officials Meeting**—for Youth Sports Basketball being held at JAMS today, January 25, at 6 p.m. Attendance is mandatory for all officials, junior officials and scorekeepers interested in doing this sport. Call ext. 2382 for more information.

➤ **Scotch Doubles**—for both adults and children. Today, January 25 is the deadline to register for the tournament, which is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. on January 27. A minimum of teams is required. Call ext. 2112 for further details.

➤ **ITT Takes You There**—This week travel to Arcos, Cordoba, Gibraltar (Super Saver), the Jerez Horse Show, Ronda and Ubrique. Call ext. 3101 for information on dates and times of departure.

Circus

Circus "Italiano" will perform at the El Puerto fairgrounds Jan. 19-22, showtimes are 6:30 p.m. Fri. & Mon. and noon, 5:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Sat. & Sun.

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Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast held Friday at Naval Station Galley

Story by JO2 Allen
Rota Coastline

Various commands came together to celebrate the religious aspect of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King during a prayer breakfast held at the Galley Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 7 a.m. The Prayer Breakfast was one of the several events that took place in memory of the late Dr. King. According to Chaplain Atticus Taylor, every aspect of Dr. King's life should always be observed.

"We heard from a variety of individuals who gave prayer on what we understand to be at least the general scope of Dr. King's work. That is, matters of peace, matters of concern, the oppressed, matters of justice, and of course hope for a bright, blessed future. Many times we lose sight of the fact that he did have a spiritual ministry or mission as well as one of civil rights," said Chaplain Atticus Taylor.

The breakfast began with a reading from HM2 Eric Geter, chairperson for Naval Hospital's multicultural committee, followed by a musical piece by DT3 Rendall Latin. Afterwards, the prayer session of the breakfast began with Lt. Cmdr.

Elizabeth Brumfield, Naval Station's lay reader for the Jewish community, reciting a "Prayer for the Oppressed." A solo followed, sung by Liz Woodus, member of Naval Station Chapel gospel chorus.

A "Prayer for Justice" was given by Deacon Ronald Brown, Higher Praise Church, Rota followed by Jim Robberstad, Pastor, Rota AGC, who gave the final "Prayer for a Hopeful future."

CTICM Dave Loudon, NSGA, had a thought for the day when the breakfast was over. "Through all our diversities, we are really one. In our strengths, we can recognize what we can really do," he said.

Others who attended the prayer breakfast, such as Mary Bererich of Public Works said it was a great way to start her day.

"I really enjoyed the Prayer Breakfast. My thoughts were wiped clean with the prayer in the morning. It's nice to hear folks from other denominations speak their thoughts on Dr. Martin Luther King. It was heart-warming for me," Bererich said.

His dream lives on: Rota celebrates the life of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Commentary by JO2 Ricky Allen
Rota Coastline.

As the Rota community came together at the base Chapel Jan. 12, they were met at the door with the sounds of the DGF High School Chorus.

The sounds of Sopranos followed with an alto and tenor blend, filling the chapel as everyone came in and took a seat. There were no ranks, no rates, and no titles. These were people who came for a common cause, a common interest. Their faces were serious, as each person filled up empty space in the Chapel pews. This was the scene last Friday as the base community united together to celebrate the life of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The song "Lift Every Voice and Sing" does things to people. The feeling of pride that it brings is one that almost cannot be described. People's heads seemed to raise with a smile on their face as the rays of light that came in through the Chapel's stained glass. Others in the Chapel held their children's hands tightly, swinging it back and forth, as if they were saying, "If you were living during those times, you'd be doing this too." As the program continued on, there were no background noises, no babies crying, just a very attentive crowd looking on as participants in the program did their part.

With the world on the dawn of a new millennium, perfection is strived for in everything, but participation is what is most respected. There were many people who participated in the program, from the chaplains, to the commanding officer of the base. However, this time, the children would take center stage in the program, reading essays from weeks of study and research. Amazement was the look on people's faces as each child read their essay aloud. It could almost make a person wonder if they know more about the Civil Rights era than of those who lived it.

One student said that the



first time that he had heard of Dr. Martin Luther King was when he was in the first grade. However, he felt sad after hearing of how blacks were being hosed down, beaten, and carried off to jail, and wondered how the late Dr. King felt at that time. Once in each person's lifetime, this question brought on by curiosity meets everyone, wondering would it have been different if the generation living today would have been living during the Civil Rights era.

Another student said that we should be grateful for the opportunities Dr. King left for every race. One significant part of Dr. King's speech that many of the children used in their essay was the part in which the late Civil Rights leader said, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

This portion of the speech seemed to have placed the biggest impact on the children, declaring that all races and colors were equal. With the program slowly coming to an end, one student said that she doesn't think the world is a perfect place, but she thinks it's a little bit better than what it was years ago.

Finally, as the lights were dimmed, and the film projector was turned on, the audience was captivated by the sound of the late Dr. King. The film played on as a recorded version of his famous "I have a dream" speech played in the background. Seeing the pictures

of the brutal battles fought on the streets of this country in the name of civil rights, and hearing King's voice, sent a lightning bolt through my heart and through others in the Chapel. Some people didn't even blink their eyes.

In conclusion, Dr. King's life, from the time he was young, to the time he dedicated himself to the Civil Rights struggle, was one of intense proportions. People must understand this, he didn't have to contribute to the struggle. King was asked to aid to the civil rights struggle, not told or ordered. It was his spiritual insight as a Reverend and his clear, fair heart that threw him into the mix. With this, he gave his life to the struggle, or what many called "The Revolution."

Though the theme used for the program was "Children-Gatekeeper of the dream," everyone has a key to the dream. Does the dream continue on?

The answer lies in the schools, public facilities, and the next generation of youth. The element that will continue this dream will not be the books they read, or the T.V. shows they watch, but a small characteristic everyone is born with, innocence. This is the highway for Dr. King's dream to continue on throughout the generations.

The dream continues on throughout the Armed Forces. There is no "White Navy" or "Black Army." There are only those who serve covered by the colors red, white, and blue. These are the colors of everyone who serves in the U.S. Armed Forces. These are the colors service members raise their salutes to. These are the colors that contain the ongoing struggle for strength and pride in a country that is united, and not divided.

With this said, Dr. King would have been happy last Friday. Seeing the vast mixture of people and cultures in the Chapel shows Dr. King's dream continues on. This was not just a African-American event, but a celebration for everyone to participate in.

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MET Rota supports Seals and visits LST Memorial in Gibraltar

Ensign Jeff Fulson
NEMOC

Mobile Environmental Team (MET) Rota, Spain provided METOC support for bilateral Task Group exercise ROYAL GRADUATE and visited the tenacious veterans aboard the museum ship LST Memorial in Gibraltar in December.

The main objective of ROYAL GRADUATE was to conduct bilateral operations between U.S. and United Kingdom Seal Team units. Numerous operations ranged from seal team insertion via helicopter sling of a Submersible Diving Vehicle (SDV) to hostile ship takedowns. ROYAL GRADUATE forces included the British Royal Army and Royal Navy, U.S. Naval Special Warfare Unit Two, Seal Team Two, Special Boat Unit Twenty, Seal Team Eight, Naval Special Warfare Task Unit SAIPAN, VP-45 Sigonella, HC-4 Sigonella, and Mobile Operations Communications Center, Sigonella.

The exercise was supported by an independent Tactical Operations Center (TOC) set up on the Gibraltar airfield by providing environmental pre-deployment briefings utilizing environmental support products provided by the Warfighting Support Center at NAVOCEANO. The briefings detailed long range

forecasts on ebb/flood currents, aviation parameters, sea state, and information on hazards to navigation around the Rock of Gibraltar. These forecasts enabled ROYAL GRADUATE participants to plan Helicopter, Boat, Swimmer, and/or SDV Operations.

Exercise ROYAL GRADUATE provided an exceptional opportunity for MET Rota to operationally test and evaluate the NERA World Communicator INMARSAT, a new and efficient compact portable phone system, with the ability to conduct voice and NIPRNET communications. This system can be deployed virtually anywhere while keeping the deployed MET in direct communication with Regional METOC Centers. The emerging role of METOC support to Seal Team units will be significantly enhanced with this system.

Due to the versatility of the NERA World Communicator, the ROYAL GRADUATE METOC Team only deployed with two laptop computers, a printer, and a small supply of consumables.

METOC data was downloaded daily via the NERA World Communicator and consisted of a satellite image and a Joint METOC Viewer file from NEMOC's homepage; average

downloads were 6 to 8 minutes per session. The compact/deployable NIPRNET connectivity is the future for forward deployed METs.

The exercise was a huge success, especially the Joint operations between the U.S. Navy and British forces, said Cmdr. (S) Carl Tiska, ROYAL GRADUATE Task Force Commander.

"Operational safety during the exercise was paramount and ROYAL GRADUATE was extremely conducive to the mission of Naval Special Warfare," said Tiska.

While in Gibraltar, Ensign Fulson and AG2(SW) Newman also had the unique opportunity to visit with the famous crew of the the LST Memorial.

The Executive Officer, Cmdr. Jack Carter, USNR (ret), gave a personal tour of the ship, then treated them to chow onboard and an opportunity to talk with several members of the crew. During chow, an unannounced man overboard drill sounded and the aged crew reacted just as fast as active-duty sailors. Editors note: According to AP reports the LST Memorial sailed into Mobile last Thursday morning to the biggest crowd ever for a ship entering the Mobile port.



LST Sailors complete voyage, receive heroes welcome in Mobile

Last Thursday morning around noon the aged crew of the LST Memorial received a heroes welcome in Mobile, Ala. at the completion of their 4,800 mile voyage from Souda Bay, Crete.

The AP reported that the city of Mobile wasn't ready for the influx of people, they expected 500 and 5,000 showed up. The ship's arrival drew the biggest crowd ever and authorities allowed pier access to only one-thousand. The crew was reported to be healthy and happy to be home.

The ship will be on display at the the U.S. LST Association reunion in September.

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1	Иванов Иван Иванович	15.05.1985	М.ск. Район Центральный, г. Москва	Средняя общеобразовательная школа № 1, класс 11	Среднее специальное образование не получено	Московский государственный университет им. М.В.Ломоносова, Физический факультет, специальность "Физика"	10	15000	15000
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WEEKEND MOVIES

FRIDAY, JAN. 19

Gardens Of Stone - When one of his troopers requests combat duty, a veteran sergeant, assigned to the burial detail at Arlington Nation Cemetery, is forced to confront his true feelings about the war in Vietnam. Starring James Caan, Anjelica Huston, James Earl Jones, and Dean Stockwell. (120 min, Drama, 1987, TV-PG) **AFN1:05 A M**

Heat Wave - Los Angeles, 1965: A young African-American reporter finds injustice, turmoil and terror when he's assigned to cover the Watts riot from the inside. Starring Blair Underwood, Cicely Tyson, James Earl Jones, and Margaret Avery. (120 min. Drama. 1990. TV-PG AFN 3:10 a.m.)

SATURDAY, JAN. 20

The Net -Stumbling across top-secret info on the Internet, a naive computer nerd finds her identity wiped clean and her survival in question. Starring Sandra Bullock, Dennis Miller, Jeremy Northam, and Diane Baker. (120 min, Suspense Thriller, 1995, TV-PG) **AEN 1:05 A.M.**

Hocus Pocus - Three hundred years ago they were burned at the stake. Now, these three nasty witches are back in Salem, out for revenge and ready to boogie! Starring Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, Kathy Najimy, and Thora Birch. (120 min, Fantasy Comedy, 1993, TV-PG) **AFN 3:10 A.M.**

SUNDAY, JAN. 21

Smart House - An average family wins the ultimate automated dwelling. Every wall is a giant television screen; food is made to order. The house cleans itself, secures itself, and does everything remotely possible (and some things that aren't) all by itself. *...and then, the hijinx begin!* Starring Jessica Steen, Kevin Kilner, and Katey Sagal. (120 min, Juvenile Comedy, 1999, TV-G) **AFN 9 A.M.**

Mortal Kombat - A team of earthly martial arts experts are mustered to take on a collection of otherworldly combatants in a contest to save the universe. Based on the ultra-popular, ultra-violent video game. Starring Christopher Lambert, Robin Shou, Linden Ashby, and Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa. (120, Action Fantasy, 1995, TV-PG) **AFN 10 P.M.**

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6 p.m. What Women Want (PG-13)
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Friday

7 p.m. Red Planet (PG-13)
9:30 p.m. Lucky Numbers (R)
Midnight: Vertical Limit (PG-13)

Saturday

3 p.m. 102 Dalmatians (G)
7 p.m. Thirteen Days (PG-13)
9:30 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons (PG-13)
Midnight: Unbreakable (PG-13)

Sunday

3 p.m. The Grinch (PG)
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Friday 8 p.m. Charlie's Angels (PG-13)
Saturday 8 p.m. The Grinch (PG)
Sunday 8 p.m. Unbreakable (PG-13)

Vertical Limit (PG-13: for intense life/death situations and brief strong language)
Action/Adventure; Chris O'Donnell & Robin Tunney (122 min.)
When an expedition to the summit of K-2 goes terribly wrong, the brother of the expedition leader organizes a rescue mission to rescue the stranded climbers.

Thirteen Days (PG-13: for brief strong language)
Drama; Kevin Costner & Bruce Greenwood (138 min.)
What happened in October 1962, when the Soviets decided to install nuclear missiles in Cuba? Watch the urgency, suspense and paralyzing chaos of the Cuban Missile Crisis unfold through the eyes of resident John F. Kennedy's trusted aides.

Red Planet (PG13: for sci-fi violence, brief nudity and language)
Sci-Fi/Thriller; Val Kilmer & Carrie-Anne Moss (108 min.)
Earth is dying. The human race needs to find a new planet to call home if it is to survive. A team of astronauts travel to Mars to investigate potential human living conditions on the red planet. These astronauts must overcome more than they bargained for.

Lucky Numbers (R: for language, sexuality, some drug use and brief violence)
Comedy Drama; John Travolta & Lisa Kudrow (108 min.)
When a local TV weatherman gets desperate to escape financial ruin, he teams up with the station's lotto ball girl to rig the state lottery drawing in his favor. It turns out that getting the numbers to come up is the easy part.

Dungeons & Dragons (PG13: for fantasy action violence)
Fantasy Action; Jeremy Irons, Thora Birch (107 min)
Based on the classic role-playing fantasy-adventure game. Large selection of actors play a rag tag group of adventurers seeking to foil the plans of an evil wizard.

Bounce (PG-13: for some language & sensuality)
Drama; Ben Affleck, Gwyneth Paltrow (108 min.)
When a confident, young ad executive discovers that the plane he was suppose to be on has crashed, he is compelled to make things right with the widow of the man who took his seat-a bold move that will change the lives of two people.

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PUBLISHER'S CORNER

with Karen Lucas

Happy New Year to all! Here is hoping the year is off to a good start for all of you. The Coastline has included an annual calendar of Spanish holidays and events. Take advantage of it. This is your opportunity to experience Spanish culture.

This week we have a couple of new advertisers to tell you about: **El Cesar**, a new restaurant in Vista Hermosa and **Anagrama**, a photocopy place in Puerto de Santa María.

El Cesar is a lovely and cozy restaurant located in the Vista Hermosa building in the Commercial Center. It is open every day and run by people from the Canary Islands. Hence, one of their specialties – *papas canarias con mojo picón* – Canary style potatoes with a typical sauce. They also specialize in meats and fish served with special house sauces and have a nice selection of homemade desserts that includes things such as blood pudding, sherry trifle, and fried milk (*leche frita*). Everything seems impeccable. The restaurant looks out onto a nice yard with a swimming pool and is very inviting. The staff is friendly and speaks English. Easy parking.

Anagrama is a fast and easy place to take care of all your photocopy needs at fantastic prices. Ana, the owner, also has a Fax, does business cards, invitations and much more. The easiest way to get there is to turn right at the English Center circle. Continue going straight through the 2 next circles, turn left at the Policía Local, then right at the stop sign. When you get to the Kiosk, turn left and park. Plenty of parking for big American cars!! Look for her hanging sign less than a block away. To return to the base, go straight at the stop sign. Turn left at the traffic light. You'll be 2 blocks from The Bull Ring, the river will be behind you. Continue straight on that Ave.

The restaurant **Mediterránea** in Rota is

now open! Here the accent is on vegetables and on dishes not usually found at other places around here. If you are looking for something a bit different, give it a try. It's not a vegetarian restaurant, but if you are a vegetarian, you will be able to find enough to eat there. Some of the things on the menu: several different salads, *escalibada* (egg plant and red pepper salad seasoned with garlic and oil), *pisto* (zucchini, peppers, onions, tomatoes), fresh artichokes house style (stir fried with garlic and ham – optional), and grilled vegetables.

In the fish department there is fish and seafood ragout, cod with black olive sauce and *bacalao dorado* – a delicious cod, potato and egg mixture. In so far as meat, there is beef, pork and ostrich for you to grill on specially prepared stones at the table or it can be grilled in the kitchen for you.

Also, there is usually a special of the day. Interesting and different tapas are served at the bar – here you will also find some veggie tapas! The décor is also a bit different with Mediterranean blue walls and lots of color. They open Tuesday through Thursday from 6 p.m. On Friday and Saturday at 1 p.m. and then again at 7 p.m. Sunday they open from 1 to 5 p.m. The restaurant is located at Avda. San Fernando, 29, next to Century 21. English is spoken.

The **Viceroy of India** in Gibraltar is closed for renovations; we'll let you know when they re-open.

The next time you visit someplace, let me know what you thought. Let's hear from you! Share with others information about your favorite spots and shops. Contact me by e-mail at coastpub@retemail.es, by fax at 956-542997 or by phone at 956-542997 or 607-564132.

2001 SPANISH EVENTS

Jan. 5	Reyes Magos. Three Kings Parade (Evening)	Most towns/cities
Feb. 5/23	Mardi Gras Singing Contest	Cádiz
Feb/Mar. 22-4	Mardi Gras	Cádiz
Feb/Mar. 24-4	Mardi Gras	ROTA
Feb/Mar. 26-4	Mardi Gras	El Puerto
Mar. 2-4	Mardi Gras	Chipiona
Apr. 8	Palm Sunday –Religious Processions	Andalucía
Apr. 15	Easter Sunday –Running of the bulls	Arcos/Vejer
Apr./May 27-1	May Cross Festivities	Córdoba
Apr./May 29-6	April Fair	Sevilla
May 3-7	Spring Fair	ROTA
May 4-6	Motorcycle World Championship	Jerez
May 4-15	Decorated Patio Contest	Córdoba
May 10-14	Spring Fair	El Puerto
May 13-20	Horse Fair	Jerez
May 19-27	Spring Fair	Córdoba
May 23-27	La Manzanilla Fair	Sanlúcar
May 30	El Pinar Pilgrimage	Chipiona
May/Jun.30-06	El Rocío Pilgrimage	Almonte (Huelva)
Jun. 14	Corpus Christi	Sevilla
Jul.16	Our Lady of Carmen	ROTA/El Puerto/
Jul.16	Our Lady of Carmen	Chipiona/Sanlúcar
*Jul./Aug.	"Noches de Bajo de Guía"	Sanlúcar
Jul. 15-20	El Carmen Fair	San Fernando
*Jul./Aug.	Summer Music Festival	Cádiz
*Jul./Aug.	Los Angeles Local Celebrations	Cádiz
*Aug.	Bullfighting Season	El Puerto
Aug.9-12	La Urtia Festivities	ROTA
*Aug.	El Moscatel Festivities	Chipiona
Aug.13-15	La Caridad Festivities	Sanlúcar
Aug.16-18/29-31	Horse Races First/Second Cycles	Sanlúcar
Aug.24-28	Guadalquivir Festivities	Sanlúcar
Sept.3-8	Our Lady of Regla Fair	Chipiona
Sept.	San Miguel Fair	Arcos
Sept/Oct. 24-12	Horse Festivities	Jerez
Oct. 4-7	Lady of the Rosary Festivities	ROTA

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SPANISH HOLIDAYS

Jan. 1 New Year
National Holiday
Jan. 6 Three Kings' Day
National Holiday
Feb. 28 Day of Andalucía
Andalucía
Apr. 12 Holy Thursday
Andalucía
Apr. 13 Holy Friday
National Holiday
May 1 Labor Day
National Holiday
May 7 After Fair Day
ROTA
May 14 After Fair Day
El Puerto
Aug. 15 Assumption Day
National Holiday
Sept. 8 Nativity of Virgin Mary
Chipiona/El Puerto
Sept. 24 Patroness' Day
Ntra. Sra. de la Merced Jerez
Oct. 7 Local Patroness' Day
Ntra. Sra. del Rosario ROTA /Cádiz
Oct. 12 Hispanic Community Day
National Holiday
Nov. 1 All Saints' Day
National Holiday
Dec. 6 Constitution Day
National Holiday
Dec. 8 Day of Immaculate
Conception National Holiday
Dec. 25 Christmas Day
National Holiday

MWR CUTS *continued from cover*

already hard enough for Sailors to come over here," he said.

Nearly 80 non-appropriated funds employees have been affected by the budget cuts. Most have had hours cut anywhere from five to 40 hours a week. For Basilia Biever, a regular full-time flexible employee, the sudden reduction to zero working hours came as a surprise to her.

"I was really frustrated when I found out," she said. "We're supposed to give them two weeks notice as a flex employee, and you think they'd accord us the same courtesy, but they didn't. I should have realized that they could do that. I just never thought it would happen that way."

Steve Endres, MWR director, never thought things would come to this, he said. "I'm nervous," said Endres. "It's a mess."

"My perception is that it's not going to be a bright and shiny year," he said. "How do you continue to provide good service when your money has been reduced and you have a very short time to reach equilibrium?"

After Endres learned, Nov. 27, that 42 percent of his non-appropriated funds budget had been cut, he sat down with managers to see where corners could be cut, which has not been an easy task, he said.

"We have already tried to size the program to how the people use it," said Endres, "so it's not like there's fat out there to cut."

"We're working to make these changes as small as possible," he said, "but it's a lot of money and customers will notice the difference."

So far, MWR has put a freeze on all sup-

ply orders, ranging from basketballs and towels at the gym, to books and periodicals at the library. Publicity has been cut by more than half, and paper flyers that were once passed out, are now being disseminated electronically.

Hours of operation for each facility are being examined, and at the golf course, five operating hours have been cut from the week. At the gym, basketball officials' pay was docked up to 15 percent and 14 aerobics classes out of 32 have been canceled.

At the Hourly Care Center, childcare providers are being sent home at noon and rooms are consolidated, if children aren't scheduled to attend afternoon hours.

These new accommodations have caused one mother to rethink her patronage at Hourly Care.

"I'm not happy with Hourly Care right now because with so many people covering different rooms and consolidating, it's too inconsistent for stay-at-home kids and it becomes disruptive to my child," said Catherine Schwartz, mother of four.

Over the next three months, managers will review their programs and make recommendations for more revisions.

"We're trying to make sure that the dollars we are spending are effectively utilized," said Russ Gale, MWR athletics director.

The cuts are comprised of three parts. A higher exchange rate, a one-time equipment purchase last year, and a reprogramming of funds to other base operations were contributing factors, and it doesn't look like there will be a reprieve any time soon, said Endres.

"We had money saved for a rainy day and it rained," said Endres, "but now it's falling in buckets."

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forms, or provide assistance for those who rather do it themselves. W-2 forms were sent

out this week, therefore, PSD will verify W-2's, and distribute them to commands via Pass Liaison Representative (PLR), no later than 31 January 2001.

Looking back

Forty years ago

The Jan. 13, 1961 Rotando reported: The Rota Country Squares announced their January Jubilee square dance featuring seven callers representing the Navy and the Air Force to give dancers a variety of calls.

Thirty years ago

The Jan. 18, 1971 El Rotando reported: AFRS Rota (Naval Media Center) celebrated their 10th year with completely modernized studios, consisting of eight turntables, 10 tape recorders, and 12,000 records.

Twenty years ago

The Jan. 17, 1981 Jack Tar reported: Postal rates jumped to 19 cents effective Jan. 1, 1981.

Ten years ago

The Jan. 8, 1991 Coastline reported: NMCB-1 sends a detachment and heavy equipment to Souda Bay, Crete utilizing six German Air Force C-160 transport planes.

Last year

The Jan. 13, 2000 Coastline reported: U.S. Naval Station, Rota, Spain, will hold its change of command ceremony Jan. 19, at 11 a.m. at the VQ-2 Hangar. Capt. Gerald K. Stair, Jr., will be relieved by Capt. Richard R Noble.

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AUTOS

1983 RENAULT 4TL: Blue with green hood. Great mechanical condition. ITV valid until 12001. Reliable. \$900. Call Clyde or Tina at 956-81-6261.

CITROEN BX: Good condition, radio, electric windows, central locking, ITV valid until 03/01, Insurance until 03/01. \$975. Call 956-81-3350 or 652-44-6317.

1991 ALFA ROMEO 33: A/C, Power windows/doors/locks, AM/FM cassette, ITV valid until 07/01. \$2300. Call Ext. 4213 and leave message or call 956-87-3387.

VW PASSATT: Recently tuned, good tires, new AM/FM cassette, ITV valid until 08/01, runs good, lots of room. \$1125. Call Ext. 4213 and leave message or call 956-87-3387.

1992 RENAULT 19 CHAMADE TS: A/C, radio/cassette player, excellent condition, ITV good until 07/02. Available upon receipt of payment. \$4000 O.B.O. Call Danny Parks at Ext. 2950.

RENAULT 5: Excellent condition, very clean. 1.3 engine. ITV valid until 04/01. Available now. \$1500. Call Chuck at 956-37-0119 after 3 P.M.

1992 VOLVO 460GL: A/C, Power windows/locks, good solid car. Runs great, \$3800. Call Clay at Ext. 1725 or 48-1006.

1994 HONDA VFR 750: Lots of extras. Good condition, low mileage. \$4800. Call Clay at Ext. 1725 or 48-1006.

1984 FORD ESCORT: 4 door, 5 spd., runs good, power windows, hatch back. Asking \$1500. Available in March. Call AD3 Fleurant at Ext. 2375 or 649-64-7989.

CITROEN BX: 2.0V Engine, radio, electric windows, central locking, low mileage, valid ITV until 03/01. Extremely dependable. \$1000. Call 956-81-3350.

1990 OPEL KADETT: 4 Door, good condition, runs good. \$1200. Call 620-173-327.

1995 49CC SCOOTER: Very nice and garage stored. Asking 120,000 pts. Call 620-173-327.

1990 NISSAN BLUEBIRD: Excellent car for travel and work. Available 03/09, \$2500 O.B.O. Call PO Hatman at Ext. 3579 (work), or 81-0815 (home).

BMW MOTORCYCLE: Cheap. Call Matt for details. 956-81-6459.

1974 MORRIS MINT: Great restoring project. Classic. Price just reduced PCSing very soon!!! \$850.00 O.B.O. Includes extra engine, window and new tires. ITV valid until Sept. 01. Call Cassie at Ext. 4013.

1987 PEUGEOT 205 GT: Strong running and reliable car ITV good through June 01. Insurance good through April 01. \$1500 OBO. Call Glen at 956-81-6198, if after 11 Jan Call Tom at 956-81-4489.

1994 RENALT TWINGO: Runs and looks great, NOT a "Rota beater". New brakes, New exhaust, 6 month old tires, New Paint Job, Air Conditioning. Extremely reliable. Asking \$2,900.00. Contact Ramon De Jesus at ext. 2981 or (H) 956-81-31-54.

1986 SEAT IBIZA: Runs good, very dependable, ITV until May 01. Asking \$1200 OBO. call Erica @ 659-39-9836.

'89 OPELOmega 2.0i: Fully equipped, new tires, perfect condition. ITV until July 2001.

\$2,600 Call Silvia at 2100 or 956-873296.

Sep. 1989, Opel Kadett 1600c.c.5speed, 4door,huge trunk, new discs breaks, luggage rack, one owner. \$2,000 OBO. Call Kim @ 956480046

1985 RENAULT 9 TSE: A/C, Stereo, Four Doors, New Tires and Battery/ITV Aug 01. \$800.00 OBO. Call: Cassie 82-4013.

1990 JEEP CHEROKEE LIMITED: A/C, leather interior, new alternator, just had tune-up, 6 CD disc changer, four wheel drive, towing hitch, luggage rack, Euro specs. \$5000.00. Call Cassie 82-4013.

1974 AUSTIN COOPER MINI: Very cute, Great Restorer project. Has original birds eye maple dash. Comes with a spare motor. \$2000 Firm. Call: Cassie x4013.

1988 RENAULT: 5 speed, 4 doors, Power Locks/Doors, rear seat belts installed, Pioneer AM/FM/CD player (to include 4 new speakers), new tires, muffler, wipers. Very reliable car. ITV and Insurance good until Apr 01. Ready to sell now, asking \$500.00. Please call Brett or Monique @ 4114home/2540work.

1999 SEAT IBIZA: 17 months full manufacturer's warranty and ITV remaining. Immaculate. A/C, Cassette, remote entry. 15,000 miles (24,000 km). \$6700. Call 956-85-1815.

1983 FORD FIESTA: Good condition, runs great, recent tune-up, \$900. Call Ross Piper at 956-87-4832 (H) or Ext. 2949(W).

1987 PEUGEOT 205 GT: Clean strong running car, ITV good through 06/01, Insurance good through April 01. \$2000 OBO. Call Glen Moyer at 956-81-6198

FOR SALE

BUTANO BOTTLES: \$10.00, butano heaters, \$40.00 - \$90.00, electric heaters, \$10.00, lawn mower, best offer, and garden hoses for sale. Call Ext. 4698 and evenings 956874171.

COUCH AND CHAIR: Spanish, like new, both recline, light blue. \$800 for both. Precious Moment Garden Angels, \$20 bor both. Call PO Hatman at Ext. 3579 (work), or 81-0815 (home).

HOUSEHOLD GOODS: Two carpets with pads, 8x10, light tan, excellent condition, \$100 each. Papissian chair, very good condition, 425. Ceramic pots fro Portugal, never used, price negotiable. Call PO Hatman at Ext. 3579 (work), or 81-0815 (home).

BUTANO BOTTLES: \$15 each. Contact Joe Casey at Ext. 2153 or 956-84-1471 after 6 P.M.

500 WATT TRANSFORMER: \$75, new. Contact Joe Casey at Ext. 2153 or 956-84-1471 after 6 P.M.

TIRES: Like new, 185/70/13, \$25 each. Contact Joe Casey at Ext. 2153 or 956-84-1471 after 6 P.M.

GAS RANGE STOVE: Whirlpool, great shape. \$350. Contact Joe Casey at Ext. 2153 or 956-84-1471 after 6 P.M.

DEEP FREEZER: Whirlpool, 110 V, \$300 firm. Contact Joe Casey at Ext. 2153 or 956-84-1471 after 6 P.M.

KEROSENE HEATER: Only two years old, in great condition. \$75. Call 956-48-0318.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS: Kenmore washer and dryer, \$175 each. Glass coffee table, \$25. Wood coffee table, \$25. Spanish

family room table, \$20. Call Paul at 956-81-5535.

BUTANO HEATER: \$40 without bottle. 220V electric heater, \$50, radiator water filled type. Onkyo TX-80 receiver, \$25, 33 watt. Call Clyde at 956-81-6261.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS: Roll top desk, excellent condition, \$250. Queen size mattress with orthopedic box spring, \$250. Sony stereo, full size with C/D. Call Ed 606-59-4810 or Ext. 2496.

BUNK BEDS: Brand new with mattresses, \$300. Call 956-840726

5 DISC CD CHANGER: Haman/Kardon model FL8300. Comes with box, instructions, cable, and remote. Excellent condition, \$150. Please call 956-81-6086.

DRAPES: Various sizes, shapes and colors. 956-81-6459.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS: Butano Heater and Butano Bottle-\$50; Nordik Track "Acheiver"-\$100; Double Baby Jogger by "Original Baby Jogger" all aluminum, \$250; 220V Fan \$10; 220V Electric Heater \$35; Butano Tank \$15. Call 956-87-4036 or 696-77-1327.

DOUBLE STROLLER: Graco stadium style. Just purchased in Sept. New condition. \$75.00. Call Cassie x4013.

PEG PEREGO PRAM: Classic style. Includes: Bassinet, Toddler seat, netting, matching attached diaper bag, very stylish. \$175.00.

KEROSENE HEATER: used one winter, great condition, \$50. (2) S.Brent-Bros. Solid Oak Dining Room Table with four chairs - perfect condition, heavy oak, \$1,500. Mark & Lucy Simpson X2224 or 956-85-63-87.

CHILD'S SCOOTER: Fold-up

aluminum type w/polyurethane wheels. NEW in original box. \$40. Dave, Ext. 2783 or 956 48 2257

MACINTOSH POWER PC 6100: with monitor, laser printer and software: \$500! Great for students, email and graphics. Call 956-87-4622 or email skypilot@total.net

GENUINE LEATHER JACKET: Never been worn, tag is still in place. Color: Black, Size: XL. Price: Asking \$150.00. Call Anthony 956-81-5934 or 956-540-130.

COMPAQ IJ600 COLOR INKJET PRINTER: Never used still in box \$97.00 OBO. Contact: Darrill_ext-3234/4712.

PEG PEREGO PRAM: with accessories including Toddler seat, matching diaper bag, bug netting, bassinet and linens, bunting, and winter cover. Dark blue with small bows and hearts print in white. Very nice innow condition. Paid close to \$500 asking \$175.00 Two Crib Mattresses \$10.00 each. Call Cassie ext.4013.

2 SIZE 12 RED EVENING GOWNS: Excellent condition, worn only once. \$50.00 for both. please contact Melinda Lee at x2540 or 676345084.

SEIMENS CELL PHONE: Uses card inserts. Only 10 months old. Call Ben 659-44-1140 or Donna 2007 or 956-87-6765/botteni@hotmail.com.

AKG HEADSET MIC: \$150. Denon HIFI double cassette deck \$150. Motorola d520 cell phone, charger and case \$50. Typewriter \$20, Cordless phones \$30 each, Car speakers: Sonys 100w and Alpines 80w best offer, Butano Stove/Oven in great shape \$70, Boreal Cliff climbing

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shoes size 7 \$25 @ 677-85-0366.

LAPTOP: Airis; Infinity Systems, 400MHZ, 4.2GB, 64MB, 12.1XGA TFT Screen, 24xCDrom, floppy drive, modem, battery and more, including case: \$1199 @ 677-850366.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS: Two 5 Gallon Kerosene bottles, Both for \$6 braun coffee pot, never used, carafe missing, 220V, \$10. Call Glen Moyer at 956-81-6198.

For sale: Very elegant fur coat (seal with mink), size 8-10, princess style. Designer model from Germany. Natural beige, silky brown color. Like new. Asking \$650 OBO. Call Brigitte at 956-851396 or Coco at 956-480973.

HOUSES/ APARTMENTS

For rent: Large 3 bedrooms townhouse in newer part of Rota. Has basement, parking, visiting roof. Excellent condition. Very new. 135,000 ptas. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-846221.

Need a really fully and wonderfully furnished/equipped house on a monthly or yearly basis? In the quietest corner of Las Redes (Puerto Posh Area). Up and down, semidetached house. Three bedrooms w/closets (Big master bedroom), 2 1/2 baths, sitting/dining-room, nice kitchen, pantry, storage, patio/porch, big, well-looked-after yard. 150,000 ptas./mo. Community fees and gardener included. Commission free. Call Eloy, English spoken. Attention guaranteed. 956-540044 or cell 679-426377.

For rent: Very nice furnished

apartment in Fuentebravia. 3 bedrooms; 2 baths; kitchen; living room; Large terrace overlooking Ocean; Can remove furniture; assigned garage parking; Ideal Sharing; 120,000 Pesetas/mo. Call Ed 956-871519 or 639-310436.

For rent: Furnished townhouse perfect for a single. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, air conditioning, American hot water heater, ceiling fans. Completely furnished. Just bring yourself. 80,000 ptas. Negotiable. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-846221.

For rent: Need a fully furnished/equipped apartment? On a monthly or yearly basis in Puerto area: El Ancla 65,000/60,000 pesetas mo. Community fees included, commission free. Call Eloy, English spoken. Attention guaranteed. 956-540044 or Cell 679-426377.

For rent: 3 bedroom apartment on Avda. Diputación. Nicely furnished kitchen with all the appliances. Close to the Ocean. Private parking. Owner asking 80,000 ptas. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-846221.

For rent: Beautiful beachfront furnished apartment with large terrace. Living/dinning room, 3 bedrooms, fully equipped kitchen, satellite TV, phone, solar heat, underground garage. Very nice. 125,000 pesetas/mo. Call Brigitte at 956-851396 or Coco at 956-480973.

For rent: Costa Ballena - 10 minutes/10 Km. From the Rota Gate. Furnished/unfurnished townhouse: 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, parking for 2 cars, fireplace. Next to the beach. Luxury resort with pool and yard. 100,000 ptas./mo. negotiable. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-846221.

For rent: Unfurnished House in EL Aguila. 4 bedrooms; 3 baths; kitchen; living Room; fireplace; laundry room; Garage; Includes community and gardener fees. 185,000 Pesetas/mo. Call Ed 956-871519 or 639-310436.

For rent: Two floor penthouse apartment. 3 bedrooms, 140 sq. meters. 2 large balconies, very large and nicely furnished kitchen. Enclosed garage. Owner asking 120,000 ptas. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-846221.

Need a house? Lot's of houses to rent; we'll find what you want. No rental fees, no language barrier. We rent, sell and build houses. American management. Your satisfaction is our best publicity. 956-543755 or 610-753503. Call us anytime.

For rent: Unfurnished house in Vista Hermosa. 4 bedrooms; 3 baths; kitchen; living room; fireplace; laundry room; storage room; swimming pool; driveway; Includes community and gardener fees. 225,000 Pts/mo. Call Ed: 956-871519 or 639-310436.

For rent: 3 bedroom single family home in the country. Great kitchen cabinets, large yard and enclosed garage. Owner asking 80,000 ptas. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-846221.

For rent: Just built townhouse in a very nice, new area of Rota. 3 bedrooms, baths, new kitchen cabinets, parking and great neighborhood. 100,000 ptas./mo. negotiable. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-846221.

MISC.

Need furniture restored, re-finished, or painted? Call José

Manuel at 627-578083. Also, wall treatments, faux finishes etc.

Intensive Spanish Courses: All levels - Trinity School. For information, call 956-871926.

PETS

FREE KITTENS: Call Ext. 4457 or 659-28-2751.

FREE PUPPIES: Small Dauchound mix puppies. Sweet and tiny. 956-81-6459

FREE FOX TERRIER: A little dog that would be great for a child. If you are interested call HN Hughes at X3573.

FREE 3 YR OLD DACHSUND: Good with people and pets. Up to date on shots. If interested call HN Hughes at X3573.

FREE PUPPY: Cute 4 month old Shih Tzu, giving away due to shift work. call Erica @ 659-39-9836.

Free to good home. Male yellow lab. 3 yrs. old. Well trained. Call 4000

Free to good home. Three-year-old male white Lhasa Apso. Looking for a quiet home with comfortable couch. Call 4157

WANTED

NANNY POSITION: Spanish Nanny looking for a new family. Three years experience, bilingual, good reference. Call Agueda at 956-05-9015.

HOUSEKEEPER: For on-base home. Must be responsible, reliable, honest and hard working. Needed twice a week. Please call Ext. 4693 during the evening.

4T GIRL CLOTHES: Call 956-81-6459.

NANNY: Good with two year old and newborn. Flexible hours must be able to get on base. Job includes light house cleaning. Call #4331 if interested.

FREE ROTA BEATER: I will pay for the transfer and insurance. contact Jerry at work 1198 or home 5852.

PRAYER

Thank you, St. Jude, for your help. Maria Newman.

It's a new day. It's a new year, Dear Lord. Please be with us and guide us through anything that comes our way. Guide all of us that have gathered in this prayer, so that each day's end finds us closer to You. Help us to be braver and wiser. Let our faith be always with You to follow Your path no matter where it leads us. For we know it will be for our own good to do Your will. This I ask not for myself, Dear Heavenly Father, but for all my brethren that join me in this prayer: Lord, God, nothing warms my heart more than coming to You in prayer. At this moment I have a special prayer wish. I ask You now, Father, to let us face forward to the light of Prosperity. I ask You to help us through tough financial times so our needs are always met and our wants are fulfilled. I ask this, too, for my brethren who join me now in the prayer. Amen. *Jess López*

EMPLOYMENT

HRO has the following vacancies: Education Aide (School Age), GS-1702-02/03/04, closes Jan 18.

Human Resources Assistant (Military), GS-0203-04, closes Jan. 26. Apply at HRO, Bldg. 52.

TRICARE Medical Service Coordinator to provide customer service and operational support within the TRICARE service center setting. High School Diploma or G.E.D. required. Bachelors Degree preferred. Two years experience in data processing/entry, preferable in a US military setting. Fluency in English required. For consideration, please fax cover letter and resume to (49) 631-357-3199, or e-mail the cover letter and resume to Stephany.a.schutz@saic.com.

POVs

POVs for the following are ready for pick-up. Questions? call Tele# 956-81-1044/5934.

Batten, K. W.
Caston, M. E.
Catipon, F. M.
Gonzalez, R.
Haines, C. S.
King Jr, M. T.
Lambatsos, G. J.
Odom, D. E.
Parker, A. J.
Slezak, S. S.
Sosa, C. T.
Sterling Jr, F. L.
Stritz, M. J.

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DGF hosts basketball tournament, sends Lajes home nearly winless



Local Sports

with Scot Wilson

This Martin Luther King Jr. weekend saw a great basketball tournament, hosted by the DGF Admirals and Lady Admirals. In this tournament, Lajes varsity Boys and Girls teams played the Admirals and the base team.

On Saturday, DGF's two varsity squads squared off against the two Lajes varsity squads. These were to be the first games of the tournament that would last until Monday.

In the first game of the tournament, Lajes Varsity Girls played the Lady Admirals Varsity Girls squad. The game started slowly with neither team being able to put together a decent offensive play, and it took four and a half minutes for Lajes to open the scoring. A minute later, DGF was able to score, and by half time had opened up quite a lead. By the time the final buzzer sounded, the scoreboard read 50-20, DGF's game. In this game, Erin Buckles played very well, picking up six points, four assists, nine steals, and one assist. Kelsey Hudson got eight rebounds, three assists, and six steals while her sharp shooting got her twenty-eight points.

In the Men's game, the competition was much more heated. It was a game of fast breaks, and a lot of fun to watch. At the half, DGF had a ten-point lead, which by the end of the

game had built to a 76-35 victory. But the game was not as one sided as the scoreboard indicated. The only difference is that the shots were falling for DGF, but in terms of style, determination and ball handling ability, Lajes was not severely outplayed.

On Sunday, DGF's junior varsity squads were scheduled to play the Lajes squads. Later in the evening, the Lajes Boys and Girls teams had each had a game against the Navsta Men's and Women's teams respectively.

In the Junior Varsity game against Lajes, the scoring was slow. The ball traveled from one end of the court to another, rarely finding the basket. It was a fast paced game with many fouls and turnovers. However, for all the intensity, the final score was just 25 to 15. The stars of the DGF squad were Gretchen Storm, with seven points, five offensive rebounds, and eight steals, and Jessie Bray, with five points, one offensive rebound, two defensive rebounds, and two steals.

In this Junior Varsity versus Varsity match, the two teams seemed fairly equal, although Lajes Varsity squad had the size advantage. The game was close throughout, but in the end, Lajes out-muscled the DGF J.V. team by the excruciatingly close score of 31-30.

This was a very action-packed weekend with many close games, all of which were very exciting to watch. If the competition had been any tighter, the coaches, whose eyes were already bulging, would have been popping arteries.

MWR SPORTS RESULTS

for the week ending Jan. 19

B League Basketball			
Jan. 16	MARINES VS. AIMD	AIMD	62-43
JAN. 16	NSGA VS. PSD	PSD	48-33
Jan. 16	NAVSTA VS. VQ-2	VQ-2	27-26
Jan. 18	NSGA VS. MARINES	MARINES	30-23
Jan. 18	PSD VS. VQ-2	PSD	65-54
Jan. 18	NAVSTA VS. AIMD	AIMD	6-49

Standings as of Jan. 19, 2001

1. AIMD (4-0)	4. NAVSTA (1-3)
2. PSD (4-0)	5. VQ-2 (1-3)
3. MARINES (2-2)	6. NSGA (0-4)

A League Basketball			
Jan. 17	NSGA VS. NCTAMS	NSGA	51-37
Jan. 17	BATTALION VS. EXPLOSIVES	EXPLOSIVES	59-42
Jan. 17	HOSP. VS. AMC	AMC	48-25
Jan. 19	BATTALION VS. NCTAMS	BATTALION	55-43
Jan. 19	SECURITY VS. NSGA	SECURITY	38-25
Jan. 19	HOSPITAL VS. EXPLOSIVES	EXPLOSIVES	48-39

Standings as of Jan. 19, 2001

1. AMC (4-0)	5. NSGA (2-2)
2. SECURITY (4-0)	6. NCTAMS (2-2)
3. EXPLOSIVES (3-1)	7. HOSPITAL (0-4)
4. BATTALION (2-2)	



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On New Years Day 10 members of the Rota's Polar Bear Club took to the beach on base for their third annual Polar Bear swim in the icy Atlantic waters.

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ADS Jason Lee, AIMD slams two points home against the VQ-2 women's team. The AIMD men beat VQ-2 71-32.

'Turn off the sun, the end is near'

It's always nice when you can check off an item on your things to do before I die list. A few weeks ago I was in the Alps and got to go dogsledding. Never underestimate how much fun you can have with man's best friend. It's unfortunate for dogs that they love to please us so.

Y'know that scene in *The Grinch* when the little doggy is keeping the entire weight of Whoville's Christmas presents from going over the cliff? Let's just say that the dogs pulling my sled could relate. I show up expecting like eight to ten dogs for just me. Instead I get two huskies and the Taco Bell mascot to pull my 200+ pounds. Bet those poor little dudes never saw a workout like me before. Let's roll...

Listen, if you're from Baltimore, please don't take this the wrong way...but I can't stand to watch your team play football. It's excruciating. It's torturous. If this is what the NFL has come to, count me out. Bring on the wrestlers. God save the XFL.

Last Sunday, in at least three different quarters, I heard the play-by-play guys refer to the strength of the Baltimore Ravens as being their *punting game*. And that's not a joke. I'm dead serious. After Trent Dilfer threw a first half interception, the announcer criticized him for not "playing more to the punting game...the strength of the team". I mean, it's official. Up is down. Left is right. Turn off the sun, the end is near. Only in the last days could a successful football strategy be *give the other team the ball*.

Is this fun for anyone? Does anyone (outside of Baltimore) want to watch a team strategize for good punt position? Am I the only person who finds the Ravens' brand of football unwatchable?

I never thought I'd see the day when America's Super Bowl champion would play for field goals and good punts. I mean, good lord, these guys went five straight weeks without scoring a touchdown. Five weeks! And they're in the Super Bowl!

If there were any justice in the NFL, Baltimore would lose big next Sunday. Unfortunately, there isn't and they won't.

In fact, I'm rather certain that the Ravens are going to win. I'm also rather certain that it'll be the lowest-scoring title game in history. If Brian Billick were a college basketball coach before the shot clock, he'd have his team make a game opening lay-up and then sit on the ball for 39 minutes to preserve the 2-0 win.

Yeah, sure, it's successful. But who wants to watch a team whose coach plays "not to lose" every week? I understand that it is perfectly within the scope of the rulebook. I understand that Brian Billick's primary concern is making sure his football team wins. Nevertheless, it is *my* primary concern that I be entertained on Sunday and that I see some freaking touchdowns.

Sports Talk

with Russ



For the sake of fans everywhere, the NFL competition committee needs to consider setting a 'maximum punts per game' rule. No more than 3 punts per half. After that, you gotta go for it. Believe me, the XFL would do it.

What really disgusts me is thinking about what my beloved Rams would do to that defense. They blew it by slumping in mid-season. If they could have faced New Orleans at home in the first round, this whole playoff nightmare would not be happening.

St. Louis completely dismantled the Vikings in week 15. Early in the season, they traveled to Giants Stadium and whipped up on New York as well. A St. Louis-Baltimore title match would have been incredible. Arguably the greatest defense in NFL history against what is arguably the greatest offense in NFL history. Would've been so sweet. Unfortunately, I can only dream. See ya next week.

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